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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN REQUEST FOR COUNTERINSURGENCY
EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLE TRAINING

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1. SINCE WE ARE QUITE PREPARED TO MOVE NOW ON THE SALE OF M-16'S, REQUEST THAT YOU PROCEED WITH APPROACH TO RAZAK OUTLINED IN REF B. YOU SHOULD NOT REFER DIRECTLY TO LEE'S REMARKS IN WASHINGTON, BUT YOU MAY FEEL OUT GOM ON QUESTION OF MALAYSIAN/SINGAPOREAN COOPERATION. IN ANY EVENT, THE TEAM WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE DIRECTLY FROM THE MALAYSIANS JUST WHAT THE MALAYSIANS WANT.

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2. WE AGREE TO SALE OF M-16'S, AND WILL CONSIDER THE

QUESTION OF SPECIFIC NUMBER IN THE COURSE OF DEVELOPING A DETAILED PROGRAM. WE WOULD PROPOSE A CASH PURCHASE SINCE THE COST SHOULD BE MANAGEABLE. ANY FMC CREDITS COULD THEN BE APPLIED TO OTHER ITEMS. ONCE GOM HAS MADE FIRM DECISION TO PURCHASE M-16'S, THEY NEED ONLY INSTRUCT THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY TO CONTACT LOCAL COLT REPRESENTATIVE, WHO IS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT'S MUNITIONS CONTROL OFFICE, FOR PRICE AND DELIVERY DATA. COLT WILL THEN APPLY FOR APPROPRIATE LICENSE.

3. AFTER APPROACH HAS BEEN MADE TO RAZAK, WE WILL PROVIDE NAMES OF THE TEAM AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE. SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEITHER MALAYSIA NOR SINGAPORE SECURITY OFFICIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL JULY 18, WE TENTATIVELY PLAN FOR TEAM TO ARRIVE IN AREA AT THAT TIME. TEAM WOULD BEGIN CONSULTATIONS IN KUALA LUMPUR AND THEN MOVE ON TO SINGAPORE. KISSINGER

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